

# PORTLAND VA MEDICAL CENTER

Portland, Oregon Division
Vancouver, Washington Division
Community Based Outpatient Clinics

Salem, OR Bend, OR
Longview. WA Camp Rilea (Warrenton, OR)



## **NOTICE OF VACANCY**

1. Announcement Number	2. Title, Series, Grade, Salary	3. Tour of Duty	4. <u>Duty Station</u>
3W-06-425-LS	Supervisory General Engineer (8193) GS-801-14 \$91,142 to \$118,484 per annum	Days M-F	Facilities Management Division, Portland Division
5. Type & Number of Vacancies	6. Contact	7. Opening Date	8. Closing Date
Permanent 1 Full-time position	Human Resources Assistant 503-220-8262 x 57317	7/13/06	Until Filled 1 <sup>st</sup> consideration date 8/2/06

## WHO MAY APPLY TO THIS ANNOUNCEMENT:

- Career or career conditional employees and permanent Title 38 employees and permanent Title 38 Hybrid employees of the Portland VA Medical Center eligible under the interchange Agreement. Included are permanent employees of the Willamette National Cemetery, Regional Office, Veterans Outreach Center and Veteran's Canteen.
- Career or career conditional employees and permanent Title 38 employees of other VA facilities.
- Applicants with competitive status outside the VA i.e., those with transfer or reinstatement eligibility.
- Veterans who are preference eligibles or who have been separated from the armed forces under honorable conditions after 3 or more years of continuous active service.
- Employees covered under the provision of the inter-agency Career Transition Plan (ICTAP) and Career Transition
  Assistance Plan (CTAP) (displaced VA Employees) eligibles will be given priority consideration for vacancies within the
  local commuting area for which they are well qualified. Applicants requesting this consideration must attach appropriate
  proof of the ITCAP eligibility with their application.

## **MAJOR DUTIES:**

The Chief, FMS is responsible for the maintenance, operation of utilities, construction, safety and environmental care management for a two-division Medical Center with diverse patient treatment programs, ranging from chronic to short-term care involving over 40 specialty and subspecialty areas. The physical size of the combined facilities is representative of their complexity -approximately 2 million square feet of building space in 65 buildings. The two divisions are twelve miles apart. The incumbent determines organizational changes in key positions within the service; ensures internal personnel-related programs are dealt with in a timely and efficient manner; communicates agency and local policies and priorities to all employees within the service; delegates to each unit supervisor the authority and responsibility to carry out assigned tasks; follows progress of each and recommends improvements to be made where warranted; ensures labor/management relations are maintained in accordance with Medical Center policy and procedures and that other requirements such as effective use of performance standards, EEO policies, and other personnel-related rules and regulations are effectively enforced. The incumbent, as the top advisor on facility and environmental concerns, is inherently involved with the total Medical Center mission. He/she serves on standing committees of the facility. Is involved with long and short range planning, establishing policy, and budgeting for the Medical Center as well as for the Engineering and Environmental Management Programs.

## THIS POSITION IS EXCLUDED FROM THE BARGAINING UNIT

### **QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

**<u>Eligibility</u>**: U.S. Office of Personnel Management Qualification Standards Handbook for GS-801 series applies and may be reviewed in the Human Resources Management Service office. Regulatory requirements such as "time-in-grade" and "time after competitive appointment" are applicable.

## **Basic Education Requirement:**

A. Degree: professional engineering. To be acceptable, the curriculum must: (1) be in a school of engineering with at least one curriculum accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) as a professional engineering curriculum; or (2) include differential and integral calculus and courses (more advanced than first-year physics and chemistry) in five of the following seven areas of engineering science or physics: (a) statics, dynamics; (b) strength of materials (stress-strain relationships); (c) fluid mechanics, hydraulics; (d) thermodynamics; (e) electrical fields and circuits; (f) nature and properties of materials (relating particle and aggregate structure to properties); and (g) any other comparable area of fundamental engineering science or physics, such as optics, heat transfer, soil mechanics, or electronics.

- B. Combination of education and experience--college-level education, training, and/or technical experience that furnished (1) a thorough knowledge of the physical and mathematical sciences underlying professional engineering, and (2) a good understanding, both theoretical and practical, of the engineering sciences and techniques and their applications to one of the branches of engineering. The adequacy of such background must be demonstrated by one of the following:
  - a. Professional registration--Current registration as a professional engineer by any State, the District of Columbia, Guam, or Puerto Rico. Absent other means of qualifying under this standard, those applicants who achieved such registration by means other than written test (e.g., State grandfather or eminence provisions) are eligible only for positions that are within or closely related to the specialty field of their registration. For example, an applicant who attains registration through a State Board's eminence provision as a manufacturing engineer typically would be rated eligible only for manufacturing engineering positions.
  - b. Written Test--Evidence of having successfully passed the Engineer-in-Training (EIT) examination, or the written test required for professional registration, which is administered by the Boards of Engineering Examiners in the various States, the District of Columbia, Guam, and Puerto Rico. Applicants who have passed the EIT examination and have completed all the requirements for either (a) a bachelor's degree in engineering technology (BET) from an accredited college of university that included 60 semester hours of courses in the physical, mathematical, and engineering sciences, or (b) a BET from a program accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) may be rated eligible for certain engineering positions at GS-5. Eligibility is limited to positions that are within or closely related to the specialty field of the engineering technology program. Applicants for positions that involve highly technical research, development, or similar functions requiring an advanced level of competence in basic science must meet the basic requirements in paragraph A.

Because of the diversity in kind and quality of BET programs, graduates of other BET programs are required to complete at least 1 year of additional education or highly technical work experience of such nature as to provide reasonable assurance of the possession of the knowledge, skills, and abilities required for professional engineering competence. The adequacy of this background must be demonstrated by passing the EIT examination.

- c. Specified academic courses---Successful completion of at least 60 semester hours of courses in the physical, mathematical, and engineering sciences and in engineering that included the courses specified in the basic requirements. The courses must be fully acceptable toward meeting the requirements of a professional engineering curriculum as described in paragraph A.
- d. Related curriculum--Successful completion of a curriculum leading to a bachelor's degree in engineering technology or in an appropriate professional field, e.g., physics, chemistry, architecture, computer science, mathematics, hydrology, or geology, may be accepted in lieu of a degree in engineering, provided the applicant has had at least 1 year of professional engineering experience acquired under professional engineering supervision and guidance. Ordinarily there should be either an established plan of intensive training to develop professional engineering competence, or several years of prior professional engineering-type experience, e.g., in interdisciplinary positions. (The above examples of related curricula are not all-inclusive.)

<u>Specialized Experience</u>: One (1) year of specialized experience equivalent to the next lower grade. Experience must have equipped the applicant with the particular knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform successfully the duties of the position that are typically in or related to the work of the position. To be creditable, specialized experience must have been equivalent to at least the next lower grade level.

## BASIS OF RATING: (Knowledge, Skills, Abilities (KSAs))

On a separate sheet of paper, provide a written, detailed response to each of the KSAs. Failure to respond to rating factors will result in applicant not being referred for the position:

- 1. Ability to successfully manage the planning, staffing, budgeting and overall development and implementation of a total Facilities Management Program at a large, two division Medical Center.
- 2. Skill to effectively communication both oral and written, and to work effectively as a member of a multi-disciplinary team at either the Medical Center or VISN/Regional level.
- Working knowledge of all areas of Facilities Management Service (FMS) which includes: Maintenance and Repair,
  Projects and Operations, Biomedical, Safety and Environmental Management Services; in order to supervise and
  direct activities in these areas.
- 4. Ability to direct the planning and design of multiple large construction projects ranging in cost from several thousand to several million dollars and ranging in size from small maintenance projects to large, complex renovations.
- 5. Ability to understand and further management goals, as they affect day to day operations and long term planning for the Medical Center and VISN/Region.
- 6. Ability to plan and adjust FMS workload and support to meet changing requirements of other services, the Medical Center and the VISN/Region.

#### **CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:**

- Although the duty station is shown in this announcement, it may be necessary to utilize the selected person's services at a different location within the Portland VA Medical Center commuting area if conditions require it in the future
- Applicants without prior federal service will be appointed at step one of the grade
- Eligible employees may be non-competitively reassigned to fill this position as an exception to merit promotion.
- Under Executive Order 11935, only United States citizens and nationals (residents of American Samoa and Swains Island) may compete for civil service jobs. Agencies are permitted to hire noncitizens only in very limited circumstances where there are no qualified citizens available for the position.
- A security clearance and a favorable suitability determination are required. Misconduct in prior employment, criminal, dishonest or disgraceful conduct, habitual use of intoxicating beverages, abuse of narcotics, drugs or other controlled substances, or reasonable doubt of loyalty to the United States are examples of reasons an offer of employment may be denied.
- · Relocation incentive is authorized.
- · Recruitment incentive is authorized.
- A pre-employment physical examination will be required for an applicant who is tentatively selected.
- Employee selected must serve a one (1) year probationary period for managers/supervisors as contained in 5 USC 315, unless she/he has already served the required supervisory period.
- This agency provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the agency. The decision on granting reasonable accommodation will be on a case-by-case basis
- The United States Government does not discriminate in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national
  origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, age, membership in an employee organization, or
  other non-merit factor.
- It is the policy of the Department of Veterans Affairs that all Federal wage and salary payments are paid to employees by Direct Deposit/Electronic Funds Transfer (DD/EFT).

## **HOW TO APPLY:**

All application packets must be received in Human Resources by Close of Business (COB) on 8/2/06 for first consideration. This position is open until filled. Application forms may be obtained in Human Resources Office or on our external website, www.va.gov/portland/hr/index.asp.

Applications may be mailed to:
Portland VA Medical Center, P4HRMS

**Attn: 3W-06-425-LS** PO Box 1034 Portland, OR 97207 Or brought in person to: Portland VA Medical Center 3710 SW US Veterans Hospital Rd Building 16, Room 300 Portland OR 97239

#### Portland VAMC employees must submit:

- 1. VAF 4078, Application for Promotion or Reassignment
- 2. VAF 4676a, Employee Supplemental Qualifications Statement (due 7 days after close of announcement)
- 3. <u>VAF 4667b, Supervisory Appraisal of Employee for Promotion</u> is optional but recommended. (due 7 days after close of announcement)
- 4. MPQ Merit Promotion Questionnaire is optional but recommended if you have qualifications pertaining to the position applied for but are not in your OPF

## Other VA Employees must submit:

- 1. OF 612, Optional Application for Federal Employment (attach additional sheets of paper if needed for additional job experience (in same format as application)), or Resume. (Please refer to OF-510, Applying for a Federal Job on the USA jobs website (<a href="http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/">http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/</a>) for information on how to apply with a resume instead of OF-612
- 2. VAF 4676a, Employee Supplemental Qualifications Statement
- 3. VAF 4667b, Supervisory Appraisal of Employee for Promotion is optional but recommended.
- 4. OF-306, Declaration for Federal Employment (January 2001 version or later). (REQUIRED).
- 5. Latest SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action
- 6. Latest performance appraisal

### Non VA Applicants must submit:

- OF 612, Optional Application for Federal Employment (attach additional sheets of paper if needed for additional job experience (in same format as application)), or Resume. (Please refer to OF-510, Applying for a Federal Job on the USA jobs website (<a href="http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/">http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/</a>) for information on how to apply with a resume instead of OF-612
- OF-306, Declaration for Federal Employment (January 2001 version or later). (REQUIRED).
- 3. Veterans Preference:
  - a. DD-214, Military Discharge Paper (member copy #4 for July 1979 or later editions) (For 5 Point Veteran's Preference).
  - b. SF-15, Application for 10-point Veteran Preference (December 2004 version or later)
  - c. VA letter of service-connected disability rating dated 1991 or later.
- 4. SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action (if applying as a current or former federal employee).
- 5. Narrative statement relating to all of the KSAs. Candidates **must** submit a narrative statement on a separate page(s) with specific responses to all of the knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSAs) in this announcement. Failure to submit your narrative response to all of the KSAs will result in the applicant not being referred for the position.
- 6. A copy of your college transcripts (Optional unless education is required).
- 7. ITCAP Applicants: Submit proof by including a copy of the agency notice, most recent Performance Rating and most recent SF-50 indicating current position, grade, level, and duty station.

## **APPLICANT'S PLEASE NOTE:**

- Education must be accredited by an accrediting institution recognized by the U.S. Department of Education in order for it to be credited towards qualifications (particularly positions with a positive education requirement.). Therefore, applicants must report only attendance and/or degrees from schools accredited by accrediting institutions recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.
- Applicants can verify accreditation at the following website: <a href="http://www.ed.gov/admins/finaid/accred/index.html">http://www.ed.gov/admins/finaid/accred/index.html</a>. All education claimed by applicants will be verified by the appointing agency accordingly.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT APPLICANT'S RESPONSIBILITY:

- It is the applicant's responsibility to submit documentation to support his/her application for this position. Applicant is responsible for ensuring that all experience, formal training, award recognition, etc. are documented in the application package. Experience may include voluntary or other non-paid experience in the appropriate field. If you feel that your training record contains information pertinent to your qualifications, then you must submit a printed copy of your training record with your application package. Your training record will become part of the specific vacancy file and will not be filed in Official Personnel Folder. Human Resources Management Division will not photocopy any application material; applicants are responsible for making photocopies prior to submitting applications.
- It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure timely receipt of the application, regardless of the method
  used for submission. The VA assumes no responsibility for the late delivery of applications (i.e. postal
  service delays). The Portland VA Medical Center will not accept FAX, or emailed applications or
  applications in a US government envelope.